

RAIL ROAD SHOPMEN ARE TO CONTEST WAGE REDUCTION

Men of Six Federated Shop Crafts Have Voted to Strike—Will Defer Action Until Announcement of Working Rules Now Pending Before the U. S. Railroad Labor Board—Action of Unions Was Made Public by B. M. Jewell, Head of the Shop Crafts' Organization, at a Mass Meeting in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Railroad shopmen belonging to the six federated shop craft unions have voted to strike against the general railroad reduction of July 1, 1921, but will defer any action until the promulgation of the new rates. Pending before the United States Railroad Labor Board, when a vote will be taken on acceptance or rejection of the reduction.

This announcement was officially made by E. M. Jewell, head of the shop men's organizations, at a mass meeting of the Chicago street car men. Belief that a stronger fight could be made if a strike is called, with preservation of the shopmen's working rules as a condition, was the chief reason to withhold a strike call for the present, Mr. Jewell said. He and other

union breakers counsel the men to strike. "The strike group and the situation was before them, rather than rush into a strike which Mr. Jewell declared the railroad managements desired."

"We can make a real fight on the rules proposition when we might not be able to make one on the proposition of railroad employees on a wage fight alone," Mr. Jewell said. "If we want to protect our best interests, we must make a fight on the proposition of rules. If the labor board releases all the remaining rules to be acted upon at one time, then we will have the chance of making a fight. We need only one

Jewell said, was backed by "nine billion dollars or more" made. The object, he said, was "to crush organized labor."

By the railroads in "to negotiate rules on each individual road and then attempt to correct only five agreements had been completed among the 229 carriers on which substitute rules were to be drafted. The unions seek to retain the right to make their own rules, and the shippers, according to the union officials, will make a harder fight for retention of these rules than in opposition to reduced wages.

MASS MEETINGS OF RAILROAD MEN IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Sept. 18.—(Cleveland members of six railroad clubs affiliated with the American Federation of Labor at mass meetings here today and tonight pledged themselves to obey the orders of the National Labor Department, the federation, Machinists, boiler makers, car repairmen, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers and electrical workers.

was announced as showing a constitutional majority in favor of rejecting the wage reduction which went into effect last week. The first official confirmation of the result which had been rumored for some time.

Condemnation of the operations of the labor board and its decision was voiced by all speakers at the meeting. Mr. Jewell charged that the railroads were attempting to use the board to take an unfair advantage of the workers and that the board's method of

drafting rules to implement the national agreement, a war time measure, under which the employees work at present. The new rules are important because only seven of the 156 rules have been substituted.

Mr. Jewell said he would demand of the board that for once, it meet in public, to present, read and announce the remaining rules; simultaneously instead of piece meal.

When the board announces the substitution of the new rules, they will take the place of the old rules.

<p>to a ballet." Mr. Jewell said, "If the rules are satisfactory and the ballet says so, we will take the route to the railroads. If they refuse to grant one reasonable demand, they will have to stand responsible and answer to the American people."</p>	<p>The meeting, it was said, was called to strengthen the organization of the brotherhood in preparation for resuming the protest against the strike at the meeting, arguing against the company's declaration it was unfair in view of the fact the thriving costs had not decreased.</p>
<p>Few Signs of Improvised Conditions in Europe</p>	<p>Preparing Quarters for Unemployment Conference</p>

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to a certain extent, on artificial matter. British experts of raw materials have increased mainly as a result of the resumption of coal-mining. German and Austrian exports rose because of the drop in the exchange rate.

"The world's market," says the report, "is generally more encouraging than previous reports would indicate."

THREE KILLED WHEN AUTO

SINKING OFF MONTAUK POINT

New York, Sept. 18.—Three people were killed today when the freight steamer Malden, from Montreal, was wrecked off Montauk point.

Tonkers, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Three persons were killed and nine injured today when an automobile plunged over a ten foot embankment on the shore of the lake. The car, a Buick, was overturned, pinning the occupants underneath. The car, owned and driven by John Feldman, New York restaurant proprietor, was turning to allow another car to pass.

The dead are Alfonso Tacoroni, 25; Philip Tisonel, 25 and Michael Iscaro, 25.

**MISS. RIVER RAILROADS
DECLINE TO REDUCE RATES**

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Railroads east of the Mississippi River have declined to join with the transcontinental lines in a plan recently announced for reduction of rates for transportation of carload shipments of vegetables and certain fruits from the

Pacific coast, according to an announcement by the transcontinental freight bureau. The reductions announced were approximately 12 1-2 per cent on shipments into territories covered by the central freight association, trunk line association, New England Freight association and Southern Freight Rate Committee.

SOCIALISTS CAUSED A RIOT CALL IN NEW HAVEN

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New York is a score of politicians responded to a riotous welcome when about thirty men, described by the police as Italian socialists started a free-for-all fight in a theatre in Grand avenue. The disturbance began while a speaker was introducing Giuseppe Bottai, a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The police made one arrest and stopped the disturbance. Officers returned to the theatre while Deputy Bottai made a scheduled address.